Alexandria Community Remembrance Project EJI Pilgrimage Committee via zoom

Meeting Notes May 23, 2022 7pm to 8pm

Attending: Audrey Davis, Darrlyn Franklin, Linda Howard, Ashley Millhouse, Tiffany Pache, Sarah Whelan.

From the public: Hanna Thomas.

- 1. Chair Linda Howard called the meeting to order at 7:04.
- 2. Update on Pilgrimage Contracts
 - a. Hotel Contract: Completed.
 - b. Bus: Final steps for contracting with bus company.
 - c. Tour guides: Contract has been prepared for our tour guides in Montgomery. We have just begun to identify guides for Selma.
- 3. Update on EJI visit
 - a. Soil delivery: We have scheduled this for 10 a.m. at the auditorium at the Memorial for Peace and Justice. Followed by time to visit the memorial for participants.
 - b. Group lunch: will be held at the EJI banquet room.
 - c. Museum visits: timed visits are set for the EJI Legacy Museum.
- 4. Update on Saturday/Sunday programs
 - a. Tour Montgomery: We will be issuing a contract to two step-on tour guides this week.
 - b. Tour Selma: We have begun communicating with a tour company made up of former activists and we are working with the Selma Chamber of Commerce.
- 5. Update on Evening Program Details of three specialized dinners are still being worked out.
 - a. Friday dine around: This is still in flux as we try to find enough restaurants to handle our expected numbers.
 - b. Saturday "Telling" dinner: This will be held at the Embassy Suites in a banquet room.
 - c. Sunday diaspora dinner: This will be held at EJI's banquet room.
- 6. Update on Descendant Research: Audrey Davis explained that we have contacts for both McCoy and Thomas and we are beginning the process of reaching out to them.
- 7. Update on Student Participation in Pilgrimage
 - a. ACHS participation 30 students and 20 staff will be joining ACRP to go on pilgrimage with us. They will be staying at the Double Tree Hotel in a smaller room block.

- 8. Update on other committees: Soil and Marker will meet this week to discuss plans for the September Soil Collection. A teacher at Jefferson Houston has agreed to design the soil vessels for McCoy and Thomas to be used at the Soil Collection. She and her students will build them.
- 9. Linda Howard concluded the meeting at 7:38.
- 10. Next Meeting: June 27, 2022